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China Adoption Program

The ABC China adoption program is a partnership program with Chrysalis House. Families wishing to adopt through this program will enjoy a seamless partnered process with ABC providing home study and post-placement services and [Chrysalis House](#) providing the placement services.

Children Available

The health of the children has generally been excellent, however, families should expect minor physical, emotional, or developmental delays often associated with institutional care. More and more orphanages are utilizing foster care programs, eliminating many of these issues. Older children and those with special needs are also waiting for families. Infants typically range from 8 to 14 months at time of referral.

The children available from China are mostly (95%) girls. This is a result of China's effort to control population by imposing a one-child policy that penalizes families for producing more than one child. Because of a strong preference for boys, in many cases a baby girl will be abandoned to clear the path for the arrival of a son. Keeping with Chinese heritage, the son, when grown, would care for his parents in their elder years. All children in China who are available for adoption reside in welfare homes or orphanages.

Eligible Applicants

Married couples 30-45 years may adopt infants 12 months and younger. Couple between 50-55 years must be open to a child older than 3 years. Families with no more than four children are accepted. Applicants must provide evidence of adequate educational preparation, finances, family support, and good health for a Chinese adoption to be approved.

Process

ABC Adoption Services offers a personal and predictable adoption process. Our China adoption program staff will assist you with every step of your adoption. Our highly experienced facilitator has experienced staff in China who will escort you throughout the adoption process. Required documents are submitted to the Chinese government for approval. The time frame from submission of documents until referral currently averages approximately 36-48 months. Referrals for the requests of older or special needs children may take less time. A child referral consists of name, photograph, and medical report, including Hepatitis B test results. China typically does not test for HIV. You will be asked to provide referral acceptance within one week unless there are specific medical issues that need to be addressed with a physician.

Travel

Travel is approximately 8-10 weeks after referral. Small groups of families travel together to China for a 14-day trip and are met and escorted throughout their stay. There is an opportunity to tour in the Beijing area for two days, prior to receiving your child. This is optional. All travel and accommodation arrangements are made in advance by the facilitator.

For more information about the China adoption program contact us at abc@carolinaadoption.org.



Currently, CAS/ABC provides adoption services in:

- [Armenia](#)
- [Bulgaria](#)
- [China](#)
- [Kenya](#)
- [Korea](#)
- [Mexico](#)
- [Moldova](#)
- [Nepal](#)
- [Peru](#)
- [Russia](#)
- [Ukraine](#)

Please also visit the [CAS web site](#) for further information on international adoption issues that will be helpful to you.